

**To:** Dollhopf, Ralph[Dollhopf.Ralph@epa.gov]  
**From:** Peronard, Paul  
**Sent:** Fri 8/7/2015 7:42:02 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine incident

Ditto.

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> On Aug 7, 2015, at 1:41 PM, Dollhopf, Ralph <Dollhopf.Ralph@epa.gov> wrote:  
>  
> Absolutely.  
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> I know what you mean about the PA team.  
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> I think you're right about him feeling a little exposed, though.(had a brief email exchange w him) .  
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> I just don't like the thought of this affecting his own personal sense of legacy. He's pretty strong though.  
It'll work out.  
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>> On Aug 7, 2015, at 3:29 PM, Peronard, Paul <Peronard.Paul@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>> ...or how many blow outs happen because we haven't done work. The mine I'm sitting on now had 3 in  
last 12 years until we started. Not sure our PA office is up for carrying that message. Not sure why  
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>>> On Aug 7, 2015, at 1:26 PM, Dollhopf, Ralph <Dollhopf.Ralph@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>>> Phew...  
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>>> Region and HQ need to get out there with how many hundreds of successful mine jobs with so many  
unknowns and potential risks you guys have done out there in the last 25 years- with so much  
environmental benefit. Give it some context.  
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>>> -----Original Message-----  
>>> From: Peronard, Paul  
>>> Sent: Friday, August 07, 2015 3:21 PM  
>>> To: Dollhopf, Ralph  
>>> Subject: Re: Gold King Mine incident  
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>>> Yeah. Hays Griswold, who is a former miner and an OSC 25+ years. It looks like there was a screwy  
earthen plug that the owner had put in but neglected to tell anyone. It masked the presence of a huge  
backload of water and head.  
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>>> Thanks for the note. The bosses are already looking for fall guys. We warn them about these risks  
all the time...but that goes out the window when it hits the fan. Steve is as good as they get, and I think  
feeling a bit exposed right now. The good news is our RA is a fan, and I think will step in in-spite of the  
DD and friends.  
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>>> Good of you to think of Steve.  
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>>> Paul

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>>>> On Aug 7, 2015, at 1:13 PM, Dollhopf, Ralph <Dollhopf.Ralph@epa.gov> wrote:  
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>>>> Was he covered?  
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>>>>> On Aug 7, 2015, at 3:11 PM, Peronard, Paul <Peronard.Paul@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> All should know that as these things happen [REDACTED] Personal Matters/Ex. 6 Much to sort out about what happened, but in no way was this neglect on Steve's part.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> Paul  
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone  
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>>>>> On Aug 7, 2015, at 1:09 PM, Dollhopf, Ralph <Dollhopf.Ralph@epa.gov> wrote:  
>>>>>  
>>>>> If you havent already, or aren't aware, this might be a good time to shoot Steve Way a note of encouragement. We all know he's as good as they come.  
>>>>>  
>>>>> This could have happened to any of us.  
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